THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) One of the main objectives of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is to encourage setting up of food processing units in various States including Punjab. Comments of the Government of Punjab have been sought on an application received from M/s. H.M.M. Ltd. for substantial expansion for manufacture of malted milk food at their existing unit at Nabha, Punjab.

A few more applications have been received from the State of Punjab for manufacture of alcohol from non-molasses base.

Supply of Steel Structures by Aphm & E to Visakhapatnam steel plant

604. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of steel structures in tonnes the Andhra Pradesh Heavy Machinery and Engineering Company supplied to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant site as per the contract;

(b) whether it is a fact that 170 tonnes of items taken to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant site were missing there;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there were complaints of misappropriation of Rs. 20 crores in the construction of reservoirs;

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh wrote to the Government of India to conduct an open inquiry into the alleged irregularities; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) About 8550 tonnes.

(b) In a Police complaint lodged on 16.2.1987 by Andhra Pradesh Heavy Machinery and Engineering Company, 169,478 tonnes of fabricated steel structures were reported as missing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Shortage of Fodder and Drinking Water in A. P.

605. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had been apprised by the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding the shortage of fodder and drinking water owing to the serious drought conditions prevailing in the state; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken to help the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to tide over the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) While Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported shortage of fodder and drinking water due to failure of North-East Monsoon in some districts of the State, no memorandum seeking Central assitance for drought relief has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Permission to DCM for sale of Land

606. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DCM had been permitted to sell the land at present occupied by them;

(b) the extent to which it is likely to affect the land use pattern of the old Delhi area; and